

Gimme Shelter

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Animal Education Series

Animal Care & Control is teaming up with the Sterling Community Center to present the "Animal Education Series" –monthly workshops devoted to all things animal!

Experts from Animal Care & Control will teach each 2-hour course with a focus on educating current and future pet owners on ways to care for and ensure the well being of their pets. Registration is only \$1, and class sizes are limited. Registration can be done online through WebTrac at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac, or by calling the Sterling Community Center at 703-430-9480. Classes will be held at the Community Center, located at 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling, from 9:00-11:00am on selected Saturdays.

Following is a list of the 2010 summer course offerings:

June 12: Dogs 101: Behavior & Training

Learn how dogs communicate through body language and how to read the signals that they give us. Find out tips on how to safely introduce two dogs, and how to tell the difference between appropriate play and problem interactions. Plus get some tips for basic training using positive reinforcement methods!

July 10: All About Animal Control

Meet Animal Control Officers and learn how they help serve our community! Find out common laws and issues that Animal Control encounters, and how to ensure your pet is being a good neighbor. Learn ways to spot animal cruelty and how to report concerns. Also learn appropriate ways to keep your pets safely confined and tips on how to construct safe outdoor housing for animals.

August 14: Pet First Aid

Would you know what to do if your pet was suddenly injured or ill? Knowing first aid is a must for all pet owners. Learn basic first aid skills, safe handling for injured animals, and the supplies needed to stock a pet first aid kit for both home and travel.

And in the Fall, look for classes on Disaster Preparedness for Pet Owners, Cold Weather Pet Care, Baby Ready Pets, and Choosing the Right Pet for your Family.

For more information on the Animal Education Series, visit Animal Care & Control's website at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Paws 4 Your Heart

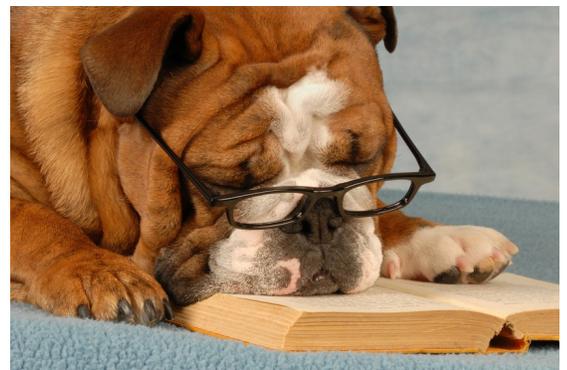
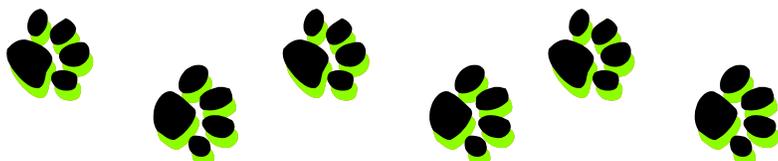


Benefiting the Loudoun County Animal Shelter &
Douglass Community Center Advisory Board for Children's Programs

Lace up your walking shoes, grab your leash, and bring your best pooch to the third annual **Paws for your Heart Dog Walk** on **Sunday, June 13, 2010**, at Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg. Proceeds from the 5K walk benefit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter and Douglass Community Center Advisory Board for children's programs.

Advanced registration forms are now available online at www.paws4yourheart.org.

We hope to see you there!



Local Businesses CARE for Animals



Three local businesses are working to help Loudoun's animals by supporting Animal Care & Control's CARE program. CARE provides pet owners in need with food, medical assistance, and other services to help keep pets in loving homes.

VIP Boarding Kennel and Leah Knode, VMD of **House Paws In-home Veterinary Care** have teamed up to collect food donations for and provide in-home medical assistance to pets in the CARE program.

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, you can help support

C.A.R.E.'s Animeals program by bringing your tax deductible food donations to VIP Boarding Kennel. VIP will match all of your donations pound for pound. For her contribution, Dr. Knode will donate in-home, preventive care for pets in the program and serve as an on-going resource for veterinary services including basic vaccines and wellness checkups.

For more information, visit www.vipboarding.com or www.housepaws.com.

And, as part of Virginia Yoga Week June 6-13, **Flow Yoga** in Leesburg will be offering one Karma Class per day

to support the CARE program. They will be collecting canned & dry dog/cat food, gift cards to stores that sell pet supplies as well as monetary donations. You may drop off donations at ANY time at Flow Yoga's studio! For more information on Flow Yoga and Virginia Yoga Week, www.gowithyoga.com.

Thank you to all these local businesses who are supporting the CARE program and helping Loudoun's pets stay in their homes!

May Employee of the Month

Kelly Burnell is May's Employee of the Month! Kelly is being recognized for her excellent and unselfish work as an Animal Care Technician. The daily effort she provides in support of her co-workers in addition to performing her own assigned tasks is outstanding. This month, her coworkers and supervisors recognized her exceptional work including her quick actions preventing a fire at the shelter; transporting dogs to a kennel because

of recent floor resurfacing work; helping with scrubbing and degreasing the hallway; driving pit bull puppies to DC Humane; capturing birds that were loose in a residents car; and working with other staff to ensure behavioral assessments were completed.

Her hard work and commitment to the care and welfare of the animals housed at the shelter is highly commendable and reflects great credit upon herself and the Department.



Thank you Kelly for all you do!

Congratulations Kelly!

What We're Up To

Holiday Schedule

Animal Care & Control will be **closed** on Monday, May 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. **Emergency** Animal Control services will be available by calling 703-777-0445.

And a reminder that the Animal Shelter is now **closed** on Thursdays & Fridays. The Shelter is open Saturday-Wednesday for adoption and other business. A complete schedule of hours can be found at: www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Mobile Adoptions Keep Rolling

Don't forget the mobile adoption vehicle stops **every Thursday** from **3:00-7:00pm** at the **Petco** in the Dulles 28 Centre (at the intersection of Rt 28 and Waxpool Road). If you're looking for a pet, and can't make it out to Waterford, this is a great opportunity to visit! Be sure to stop by and see us!

